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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ENRG, VE

SUBJECT: REACTION TO OEP STATEMENT

REF: CARACAS 2238

1. PUBLICITY ON STATEMENT OF OEP ACTING HEAD DARRELL  
TRENT CONCERNING US INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF ORINOCO  
PETROLEUM BELT SEEMS TO HAVE DIED OUT HERE. SPEED WITH WHICH  
PUBLIC AND PRESS LOST INTEREST IN STORY SUGGESTS THAT FEARS  
EXPRESSED BY OIL COMPANY SPOKESMEN AS TO POSSIBLE LASTING  
ADVERSE IMPACT HERE WERE NOT REALIZED. STORY SEEMS TO HAVE  
DROPPED INTO CONTEXT OF ONE MORE US STATEMENT OF POSSIBLE  
INTEREST IN ORINOCO BELT.

2. IF OIL COMPANIES SEEM OVERLY SENSITIVE TO  
STORIES OF THIS KIND IN VENEZUELAN PRESS, IT IS BECAUSE  
ANYTHING THAT TENDS TO STRENGTHEN UNREALISTIC BELIEF OF SOME  
VENEZUELANS THAT US IS DESPERATE FOR VENEZUELAN OIL MAKES  
THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT HERE MORE DIFFICULT,  
AND BECAUSE COMPANIES ARE CONSTANTLY UNDER VENEZUELAN  
GOVERNMENT'S  
DAMOCLEAN SWORD, E. G., INCREASE IN TRV'S MARCH 14.  
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